

REMARKS

Claims 1-9 and 20 remain in the application with claims 1 and 20 having been amended hereby.

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of the claims under 35 USC 102(e), as being anticipated by Klug et al.

The present invention is intended for use in a system in which a user-terminal user accesses information in a destination homepage by going through a source homepage to reach the destination homepage. In the present invention a generation source identifier storage means is provided for storing a generation source identifier that identifies a source where the user identifier is generated. For example, when the user accesses a website A, the user can make his ID and get the generation source identifier. In this case, the generation source identifier identifies the website A where the user ID is generated. In the website A, the user may get information about another site B, then the user tries to access the website B. At that time, the generation source identifier is used for verifying how the user can be introduced to the website B.

Klug et al. relates to a worldwide web registration system in which the addresses of a number of websites are stored, so that information can be automatically transferred to the websites at which the user wishes to be registered. In Klug et al. the user registers his personal information at the automatic registration system A. The user can then retrieve

his ID and personal information when the user wants to register at another website B. Nevertheless, the generation source identifier that identifies the source where the user ID is generated does not exist in Klug et al. and the generation source identifier is not transmitted to the terminal device as in the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Klug et al. fails to show or suggest the use of a generation source identifier that is stored in the generation source identifier storage means as in the presently claimed invention.

Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Klug et al. fails to anticipate the present invention, as recited in the amended claims.

Thus, by reason of the amendments made to the claims hereby, as well as the above remarks, it is respectfully that an information processing apparatus that includes a generation source identifier storage means for storing a generation source identifier that identifies the source where the user identifier is generated is neither shown nor suggested in the cited reference.

The references cited as of interest have been reviewed and are not seen to show or suggest the present invention as recited in the amended claims.

Favorable reconsideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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